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Should hard-timers receive soft serve?

According to Canadian Public Tenders website, contract to provide ice cream to Corrections Services worth $43,000 Icy response from victims' rights group

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Corrections Services is on the hunt for a contractor to provide ice cream to federal inmates, according to a local victims' rights group that is wondering why criminals are even entitled to such luxuries.

"We've got victims' programs continually being slashed, and they want to spend $43,000 on something ridiculous like this?" said David Toner, of Families Against Crime and Trauma, whose teenage son was murdered in 2005.

"Why should prisoners in federal penitentiaries, which by very nature (house) the most serious (criminals), be rewarded? Ice cream is generally considered a treat for being a good boy, not a serial killer.

"Buying ice cream for the offenders, that's an insult to victims of crime."

JV Speakers

From left: Rick Hansen, Al Gore, Martin Sheen and Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. The men will be speaking to Lower Mainland youth at We Day at Rogers Arena on Friday.

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Inspiring youth

We Day is a national event — held in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal — that brings activists and world leaders together to inspire youth to become advocates for social change. We Day was launched in 2007 by Toronto brothers Craig and Marc Kielburger. Story, page 6.

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Offers pour in for freed miners

Overtures include invites from famed soccer clubs, week's vacation in Mediterranean
Men will be gradually discharged from hospital
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Retired teacher faces charges

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Pro-lane shirt has some teed off

Some Hornby Street business owners say they are upset and confused after Vision Vancouver announced the sale of "Bike Lanes Make Me Hornby" T-shirts.

"I don't understand why they're doing this," said Rosita Choy, of Super Best art gallery.

"It's like they're singling out Hornby Street when they should be promoting all of the city's bike lanes," added her husband, Anthony.

The organic T-shirts will be sold for $15, which is a "break-even cost," said Ian Ballie, Vision's executive director.

A survey of 73 Hornby Street business owners released last month found 97 per cent were against the separated bike lane.

It's "a T-shirt that mocks stakeholders affected by ... the Hornby Street separated bike (lanes)," said Coun. Suzanne Anton.

"This stunt certainly confirms why I've withdrawn my support from (this project)."

Vision denies any harmful intent behind the T-shirts.

"It's just a T-shirt," said Ballie. "It's simply our way of saying, 'we support bike lanes.'" SARAH N. FITZGERALD

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▶ The Vision Vancouver T-shirt

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Ex-teacher charged with sexual assault

- Criminal investigation dropped in March due to lack of evidence
- Case re-opened in September

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A retired North Vancouver high school teacher is facing a trio of sex-related charges involving a student.

Victor Wiens, 63, who retired from teaching at Sutherland Secondary in the spring of 2009, is charged with sexual assault, invitation to touching and sexual exploitation of a female high school student.

"This case involves the alleged victimization of a child," said RCMP Cpl. Peter DeVries. "It represents one of the greatest fears that we as parents face. We must place a priority on protecting the well-being of this child."

RCMP want to speak with any students who may have experienced inappropriate conduct with the teacher.

Wiens taught in the North Vancouver School District for 28 years. He had been at Sutherland for at least five years and prior to that was an itinerant music teacher who taught classes at several schools.

"Any allegation ... regarding an inappropriate relationship developing between a teacher and a student impacts all educators."
JOHN LEWIS, SUPERINTENDENT, NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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▶ RCMP Cpl. Peter DeVries at the North Vancouver RCMP Detachment Thursday.

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Mayor talks homelessness

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▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson outside the Gathering Place Community Centre on Wednesday.

"WE DON'T WANT TO BE A CITY JUST FOR THE VERY RICH"

Mayor Gregor Robertson was elected in 2008 on a promise to make street homelessness a priority. At the end of Homelessness Action Week, Metro readers were invited to quiz him on his challenges and the progress to date.

MICHELLE APPS, 25, VANCOUVER
Why has (the city) cut so many housing units from the Millennium water development — why aren't more resources put toward social housing?
"We maintained 252 units as affordable housing, and half of those will be geared towards low-income families and seniors. It would be great to have more but financially we don't have the resources to do it. That being said, we're keeping affordable housing at the village because having diverse, inclusive neighbourhoods is important. We don't want to be a city just for the very rich."

ALICIA ZIGLER, 29, VANCOUVER
Why aren't you dealing with the mental health issues first, before the drug issues?

"It's not an either/or question — both need to be dealt with, and health issues are a responsibility of the province. Since taking office, we are playing a more aggressive and supportive role by creating a mental health and addictions plan for Vancouver. When you factor in policing, legal and emergency services, it costs the city $28 million a year dealing with people who are mentally ill and have addictions."

JEFF TANGSOC, 26, VANCOUVER
During the Olympics it seemed as though the city tried to hide the homeless. Why try to help now if not then?
"I absolutely disagree that the city tried to hide the homeless during the Olympics. I dealt with media from around the world and we were open and upfront about the challenges we face. In the past two years we've made major strides in helping people off the street — we've had an almost 50 per cent drop in the number of people sleeping outside, thanks to new shelters and housing. That was before the Olympics and we're going to keep trying to improve."

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Why isn't mayor asking prov. to invest more in adult & teen #mentalhealth & substance abuse diagnosis & treatment?
"There's no question we need more provincial investment in mental health and drug treatment. The waiting lists are far too long. One of the best stories from the past year is the At Home project — now 100 people who were both homeless and mentally ill are getting 24-7 care and housing through a partnership we have with the federal government. We need a lot more of these types of programs."

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We Day to be streamed live

WEB. Free The Children's We Day will be streamed live by ctv.ca on Friday between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. It includes performances by Hedley and Barenaked Ladies. KRISTEN THOMPSON

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Stacked lineup aims to inspire kids at We Day

Thousands of students will descend on Rogers Arena Friday for third annual event meant to empower youth

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Lower Mainland students volunteered one million hours of community service last year — a number so big it's hard to fathom, said Craig Kielburger, co-founder of We Day, which will be at Rogers Arena on Friday.

The event, which features high-profile, speakers including Al Gore and Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., is free for local students, but in exchange their schools must promise to become involved in social issues.

"Adults have a mistaken view of young people being apathetic," Kielburger said.

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▶ We Day co-founder Craig Kielburger.

"What youth in B.C have done is remarkable."

Templeton Secondary, for example, has raised money to build a school in Sierra Leone.

Kielburger said a lot of youth want to get involved in social issues but find it overwhelming — and We Day gives them the tools to get involved.

"You've got this incredible spectrum of social and world leaders who are coming to connect with youth.

"It creates an amazing shift."

He said his hope is that youth at We Day will take this passion into adulthood.

▶ Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks Friday at We Day.

JACKSON'S MESSAGE IS LEARNED AT HOME: WE DAY FOUNDER

Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. will be speaking to Vancouver's We Day crowd on Friday. Metro asked We Day co-founder Craig Kielburger how youth can connect to Jackson's message of compassion and equality.

How do you instill these values in young kids who aren't exposed to diversity at home or in their community?

Instilling values related to social justice starts at home. When my brother Marc and I were young, our dad used to spread the newspaper out on the kitchen table and call us over to read the headlines. Together we'd talk about the issues — everything from drought in Ethiopia to the closure of the local library.

Then, at the end of each page, he'd ask how we could get involved. We left the kitchen table armed with the knowledge of what was going on in the world.

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‘Phenomenon’ Palin visits city

Sarah Palin scored the attention of Vancouver’s elite at an invite-only gourmet dinner Wednesday night to discuss her memoir Going Rogue: An American Life.

The former Alaska governor spoke at the Vancouver Club Ballroom with tickets selling for $500 each.

“She wasn’t 75 per cent approved by the people of Alaska because she was stupid or she didn’t know what she was doing,” said Leroy (Bus) Fuller, founder of restaurant chain Earls, as he entered the private event. “I mean, the girl’s got it going on.”

People wanted to hear Palin because she’s a “political phenomenon,” said Peter Brown, a fixture in the business community and chairman of the board of trustees for conservative think-tank Fraser Institute.

The affair, part of the Bon Mot Book Club series, was sponsored by The Globe and Mail and there was no outside media access offered for the speech.

Few of the movers and shakers heading inside were expecting a message Canadian policy-makers could actually use.

“You know what you’re going to hear. She has a platform, she talks what she talks about, there’s going to be no surprises,” said music agent Bruce Allen, who represents Michael Buble and Bryan Adams. “But I think it will be fun to watch.”

During Palin’s last visit to Canada, she caused a small flurry by acknowledging that several decades ago her family used publicly funded medical care in Whitehorse.

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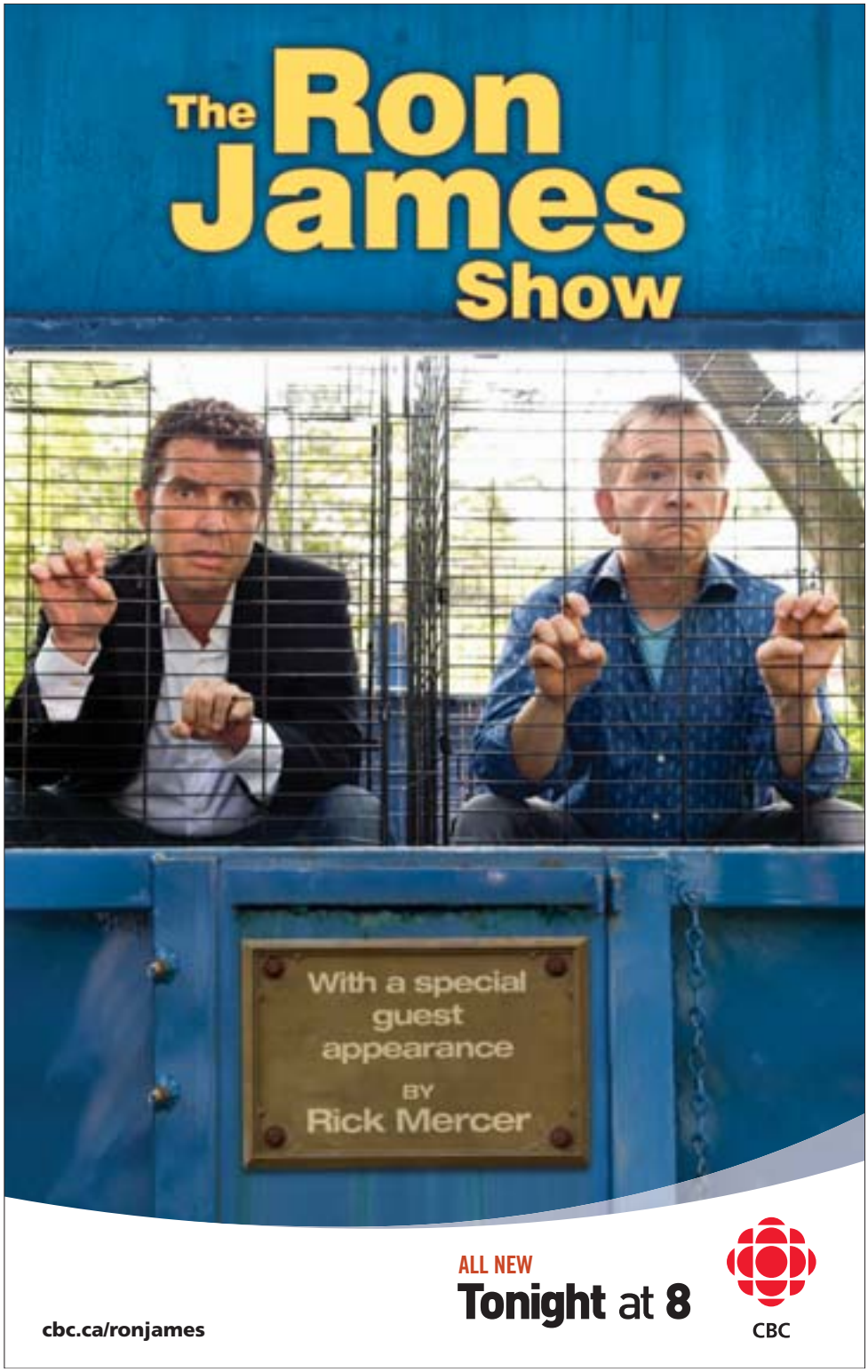
▶ Sarah Palin



Mantracker on the hunt for North Shore duo

North Shore man and his mother compete on reality show Episode airs Friday at 10 p.m. on Citytv

▶ Mantracker, left, and Max Clough in a still from the episode.

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Bushwhacking through the Quesnel wilderness with a hunter on horseback in hot pursuit is 10 times harder than it looks on TV, says a North Shore man who was the latest prey on the TV show Mantracker.

Max Clough and his 57-year-old mom teamed up in an attempt to elude Terry Grant — a trained tracker — on a two-day, 36-kilometre race through the bush.

“I’m trying to be fearless,” Clough said of the experience.

“(But) it was scary. You don’t realize it until he’s barrelling down on you ... and it’s like instinct that kicks in.”

20% Calculations based on the series so far suggest that the chance of an individual contestant beating Mantracker is 30 per cent, and the chance that a team will beat Mantracker is 20 per cent.

Clough said he was training for six hours a day to get fit enough for the ordeal, but he was still exhausted.

“The endurance was the hardest part of it. You can’t prepare for that. You’re exhausted and a big part of it is the mental exhaustion at night.”

As for whether Clough and his mom managed to outsmart Mantracker, Clough said readers will have to watch the show to see how it ends.

Carrier disciplined over stored letters

A veteran Canada Post worker in Richmond, B.C., is suspended and the Post Office is now sorting through thousands of letters and packages that were never delivered.

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Progress pleases city

173 laneway permits approved 100 for every 500 residential houses

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Vancouver's city planner is happy with the pace and numbers of laneway houses that are popping up across the city.

"We're generally pretty pleased," said Brent Toderian, Vancouver director of planning. "We know now it's a viable housing choice and we're seeing a real distribution across the city."

Since the first permits were issued last November, the city has approved 173 laneway houses. Another 40 to 50 are still working through the process. They are distributed evenly across the residential areas.

The city has received complaints on 15 of the applications, mainly on the west side, Toderian said.

In a report that goes to council next Thursday, city staff examines the first 100 laneway applications. Of those, 39 were built on sites with existing houses and 61 were built as part of a total site development.

CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL

Feds to waive fees for train to Portland

The federal government says it will waive the fees it originally planned to charge Amtrak to keep a second train running between Portland and Vancouver.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said the Canada Border Services Agency has reallocated $800,000 to cover the cost of clearing passengers through customs on the second Amtrak train into Vancouver per day.

The train arrives in the evening and the federal government originally planned to charge Amtrak for keeping the customs post open.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the decision is good news for the local economy.

"The Amtrak train has been a big success and has delivered tourist visits and dollars into our economy, both in Vancouver and throughout the region," he said.

The train is said to generate $12 million in economic benefits to B.C., but Toews said that Amtrak and tourism officials will have a year to prove its viability without the Olympics.

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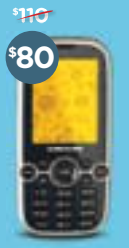

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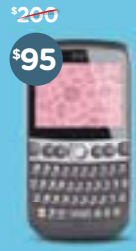

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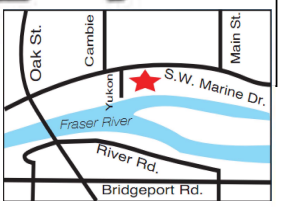

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▶ Elizabeth Segovia, sister of rescued miner Dario Segovia, collects a religious figure Thursday as she dismantles a site set up to honour the trapped 33 miners at the San Jose mine near Copiapo, Chile.

Home, sweet home

Joyful families get set to embrace Chile's miners
World offers jobs and honours after amazing rescue

Chile's 33 rescued miners were itching to reunite with families and sleep in their own beds Thursday.

But after spending the night in hospital they had to wait — examinations by doctors came first.

Meanwhile, on the day after the 23-hour rescue that kept the world spellbound, relatives were organizing welcome-home parties — and trying to organize an avalanche of celebrity functions and job offers. Among them:

▶ Spain's Real Madrid football team invited the 33 to attend a game.

▶ A Greek mining company offered to fly each one, with a companion, for a week's vacation in the Mediterranean.

▶ Chile's football federation said it would offer a job with its youth teams to Franklin Lobos, a former national team player who drove a taxi to make ends meet before he was caught in the Aug. 5 mine collapse.

▶ Soccer teams in Manchester and Buenos Aires want the miners in their stadiums.

▶ Bolivia's president wants them at his palace.

▶ TV host Don Francisco wants them all on his popular Sabado Gigante show in Miami.

▶ Hearing that miner Edison Pena jogged regularly in the tunnels below the collapsed rock, the New York City marathon invited him to participate in next month's race.

Doctors said three of the men could be discharged from hospital as early as Thursday evening, with others following Friday and over the weekend. Then they'll have to "find their equilibrium and take care of themselves," said hospital chaplain Rev. Luis Lopez.

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No appeal for Bedard

- Supreme Court rejects Olympian's bid to overturn 2007 conviction
- Bedard won two gold medals in biathlon in 1994, bronze in 1992

The Supreme Court of Canada won't hear an appeal from Myriam Bedard.

The court has rejected her bid to overturn a 2007 conviction for violating a child-custody order.

The three-time Olympic medal winner was given a conditional discharge and two years probation for taking her daughter to the United States in violation of a custody agreement with her ex-husband.

Last March, the Quebec Court of Appeal dismissed her appeal, leaving the Supreme Court as her last resort. As usual in leave applications, the high court gave no reasons for rejecting the case.

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▶ Myriam Bedard

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Biomass project gets OK in Nova Scotia

25% The utility has argued that the biomass plant would help the province meet its goal to have 25 per cent of its energy supply come from renewable sources by 2015.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board has approved a $208-million biomass project proposed by the province's power utility and the owners of a Port Hawkesbury paper mill.

The board says Newpage Port Hawkesbury and Nova Scotia Power can proceed with plans to burn waste wood for energy using a massive steam boiler at the Newpage mill, but it has applied several conditions.

The board says the utility won't be allowed to pass on any contract price increases to ratepayers. The board also said that should the project fail, any associated costs can't be passed on to consumers.

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▶ Riot officers, backdropped by protesting employees of Romania's finance ministry.

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They're not gonna take it

On Thursday, employees of Romania's finance ministry were in the second day of a spontaneous strike in Bucharest over unpaid benefits.

Harper blames UN snub on 'secret votes'

But Canada will stick to the principles it holds dear, he says Freedom, justice and human rights are key

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is dismissing Canada's failure to land a seat on the United Nations Security Council as the outcome of "secret votes."

Harper says Canada will stick to promoting values such as freedom, justice and human rights.

"Our engagement internationally is based on the principles that this country holds dear; it is not based on popularity," Harper said.

He was speaking in eastern Quebec two days after Canada withdrew its bid to rejoin the powerful UN Security Council.

Tuesday's setback came after it became clear Portugal was on its way to defeating Canada to claim the second of two available spots in the UN's most exclusive and coveted club.

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▶ Stephen Harper

Harper's communications director, Dimitri Soudas, and Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon have said Canada lost out because Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff questioned whether the country had earned a spot on the council.

But the prime minister did not mention Ignatieff.

Harper did not elaborate on what he meant by "secret votes," although Cannon and Soudas did say some of the support that had been anticipated had failed to materialize in the voting.

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Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

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The banks therefore created their own computer system (called MERS) to register the sales and purchases.

Today, millions of Americans are losing their jobs and must hand over their house keys to banks. There's just one problem: The MERS registrations contain few details and are worthless in the eyes of several judges who authorize foreclosures.

To reclaim the houses, banks must present notarized deeds. Unable to find the original documents — destroyed or lost — several banks seem to have decided to fabricate false documents.

"Several banks seem to have decided to fabricate false documents."

And had them authorized by lawyers without scruples (one of whom admitted to authorizing 10,000 in a single month).

The result: A total mess from coast to coast.

Several banks find themselves trying to repossess the same house, and homeowners are being evicted when they shouldn't be.

It gets worse. According to a growing number of analysts, if the banks created the MERS system, it wasn't to save a few cents. It was to resell on the sly — to investors like your pension plan — tons of fraudulent mortgages.

Without sufficient documentation, the buyers of these products could not accurately verify their quality. We're talking about a major, countrywide fraud.

If the facts — which are still piling up daily — confirm this theory, the big banks will face a mountain of lawsuits. They will also lose their rights to thousands of homes.

American financial expert Janet Tavakoli talks about a possible $700-billion bill. In other words: Bankruptcy for several big banks.

American taxpayers will never agree to bail out bankers yet again. Especially not in this context. Such incompetence, if coupled with criminal intent, deserves only one thing: That those banks be allowed to fail — in an orderly fashion — once and for all. Which is what should have happened two years ago.

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Amazon.com wins

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patent 'one-click payment'

Internet retailer Amazon.com has won a fight to patent its online payment system in Canada that allows shoppers to make purchases with one click of their computer mouse.

The Federal Court decision closes a chapter in Amazon's fight to protect what it calls its "one-click" technology from possible illegal use in Canada.

"The Patent Act is not static; it must be applied in ways that recognize changes in technology such as the move from the Industrial Age to the electronic one of today," Justice Michael Phelan wrote in a decision released yesterday.

The court overturned a decision by Canada's patent office, which didn't allow Amazon's "one-click" payment to be patented.

While the decision doesn't affect shoppers, it means the Commissioner of Patents will have to take a second look at Amazon's patent application.

If approved, the patent will protect its "one-click" concept so that it can't be used by competitors unless they license it from Amazon. Amazon could not be immediately reached for comment.

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▶ Karim Rashid

5 MINUTES WITH: KARIM RASHID

Award-winning industrial designer Karim Rashid was dubbed the Poet of Plastic by a German design retailer. His work is featured in 20 permanent collections and he exhibits art in galleries worldwide. This weekend, Rashid will speak at Vancouver's Interior Design Show West (IDSwest) at the New Vancouver Convention Centre.

Are you adjusting your designs for today's needs?
Bobble, a product I designed, is a water bottle with a built-in filter. It's designed to do away with buying bottles of water. So one of these little bottles that costs you $10 will last you 300 fill-ups of water, meaning you won't have to buy 300 (plastic) bottles. Bottled water's become outrageous. I was travelling with the prototype in Milan, or London, or Moscow and I'd just fill up with tap water. And here I am in these hotels where they're charging me 10 euros for a bottle of water.
Are you designing for the digital medium?
No, I'm actually very obsessed with the material world. I think also that I need to kind of elevate the physical world and make it as exciting, and as seductive, and as beautiful, and as pleasurable, and as experiential as the digital age.
Can a physical experience be made of that digital world?
Yeah. It's fascinating that you can just video-Skype, for free, anybody in the world. So, in the physical world, what can we do there to make us feel alive, and make us feel part of this moment in time?
Is that what you're trying to achieve with your designs?
I think so. We're losing physical things because we don't really need them anymore, which is amazing. The physical things we do have should be better. Can we make our lives more seamless and end up having better lives because we have more time? The ultimate luxury is free time.
If you could give one design recommendation, what would it be?
It's really just to embrace being, existence. Be alive. And to be alive, you really need to be in a contemporary world. When people go into the domestic home and they buy some wood spindle chairs that look like they're from the 1800s with, like, a fake baroque chandelier, it has nothing to do with the time you live in. We need to embrace and live this moment in time. We are alive now. STEPHANIE ORFORD

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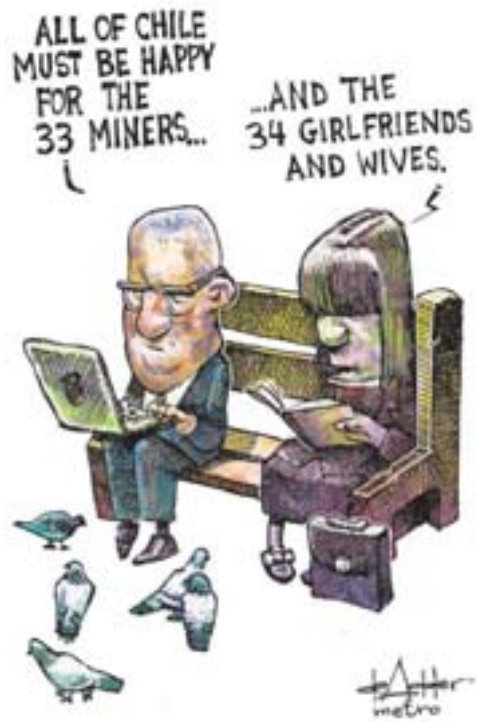

Protect children: Groups

Worth mentioning

Austria should stop detaining children and halt the deportations of well-integrated foreign families that are denied asylum, Amnesty International and three other groups urged Thursday.

The country also should better protect the rights of non-Austrian minors and become more lenient about allowing young asylum seekers and their parents to stay on humanitarian grounds, the organizations wrote in a letter to lawmakers.

The appeal comes just days after two eight-year-old twins were taken into custody with their father in an early morning raid and deported back to their native Kosovo. Their mother, who is in psychiatric care, stayed behind. The four had lived in Austria since 2004 but were expelled after being denied asylum and refusing to leave on their own.

The family's plight has sparked widespread debate and protest, with critics calling the deportations heartless and inhumane. Interior Minister Maria Fekter defended it, saying she was following the rule of law and the children were with their father. She has since softened her stance slightly, acknowledging Wednesday that pictures of the detention "greatly moved her."

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Metro Minute at VIFF closing gala

Friday is the final day to partake in the Vancouver International Film Festival. VIFF films will be playing all day, including Canadian flicks Fathers & Sons, and Mammalian.

You can always line up before the show for rush tickets ranging in price $10 to $12.

Then don your evening gown for VIFF's closing gala — just a few tickets remain.

The evening opens with The Illusionist at 7 at Empire Granville 7 Cinema.

The gala party starts at 9 p.m. hosted by FIVESIXTY, at 560 Seymour St. A combo ticket for the film and party is $175.

Check viff.org/festival for info.

STEPHANIE ORFORD

Three days to play

DO YOU PLAN TO SHOP IN THE U.S. TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STRONG LOONIE?

Candace Bagri
RICHMOND
Probably just Seattle, the premium outlets, and the mall there. Mostly for work clothes, like Banana Republic and those kinds of stores.

Jeff Lockwood
VANCOUVER
No. I don't like shopping. I really don't like shopping. If I'm somewhere and there's stuff I like, then I'll buy it. But (loonie parity) is not going to get me to the States.

- Score: A Hockey Musical's director Michael McGowan never thought he'd be able to lure the Australian Newton-John in to filming a movie in February in Canada
- Family atmosphere on the set helped create a stress-free work environment

▶ Getting to act alongside her friend Marc Jordan, left, helped convince Olivia Newton-John to take the role in Score: A Hockey Musical.

A legend returns to musicals after 30 years

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Although she sang with John Travolta in Grease, danced with Gene Kelly in Xanadu and recently featured her hit Let's Get Physical on Glee, Olivia Newton-John hasn't appeared in a full-on musical on the big screen for 30 years. That will change this weekend when she will be seen playing an overprotective hockey mom in Score: A Hockey Musical.

Director Michael McGowan wanted John, but didn't think he'd be able to get the Australian superstar, who now makes her home in Florida, to come north to shoot the film.

"She's funny and she doesn't take herself seriously," he said, "but for her to say, 'This is the film, a hockey musical shot in Toronto, in February, seemed virtually impossible."

When asked why chose to do this film she laughed and said, "Because it was fun. Marc Jordan (who plays her husband in the film) is my friend and he is married to Amy Sky, one of my best friends who also produces my music, so why not?"

Shooting in Toronto in frigid February temperatures, she says, was "an experience," but the working with the cast and crew made it worthwhile. "My memory of the movie was having fun," she adds.

Working with her friend Jordan, who is best known as a solo singer-songwriter (he wrote the hit Rhythm of My Heart for Rod Stewart), caused to her to occasionally get the giggles so badly she could barely contain herself.

"I was really embarrassed in the end because you can break up a couple of times but you have to know when to stop, but Marc was just so hysterical."

Ditto her director. "He is marvelous," she says. "He has such a quirky sense of humour which fits in with mine really well. On the set he was very relaxed; he's worked with everyone before so it was a real family atmosphere. There was no stress, there was no, 'Oh he's yelling at you.'"

She saves her highest praise, however, for her young co-stars, Noah Reid and Allie MacDonald who play her son and his best friend. When asked if she passed along any tips to the neophytes she said,

"They are both really gifted. I probably should have asked them for hints rather than the other way around."

"It's a lot of good fun, but the peace message is good I think. I'm not one for violence and was brought up in the same kind of family as (the character of home-schooled-pacifist-hockey-prodigy-Farley Gordon). Maybe not quite as stringent but my father was a professor and parents were academic and peace was a big thing for my mother. It wasn't important to win, it was important to play fair, so (Score: A Hockey Musical) kind of rung true for me. I like that message. I thought it was sweet but it also funny and ironic and campy and that is part of what people like about it."
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

2 scene

Scene in brief

A judge has refused to dismiss a plagiarism lawsuit against Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling

But Justice David Kitchin has ruled that while the claim by the estate of the late fantasy author Adrian Jacobs had a chance of success, he described it as being "improbable." He also issued an order demanding a cash security before any further hearings are held on the matter.

Jacobs' estate claims that Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire copied substantial parts of Jacobs' 1987 book, The Adventures of Willy the Wizard — No. 1 Livid Land.

Rowling has called the claims unfounded and absurd, saying she only learned of the book in 2004.

Jacobs died in London in 1997
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Half-brother of Dane Cook gets 5 to 6 years after pleading guilty to stealing from comedian

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Red's great cast brings plenty of fun

Red
Genre: Action/Comedy
Director: Robert Schwentke
Stars: Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich, Helen Mirren, Morgan Freeman
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There's a moment in the first half of Red, Bruce Willis' delightful new shoot-em-up, when the chaos on screen reaches a fevered, frenzied high point as retired CIA agents Frank (Willis) and loose cannon Marvin (John Malkovich) dance their way through a fire fight in a Louisiana shipyard, ending with a ludicrous showdown involving a rocket launcher. It's 100 per cent pure fun. Unfortunately, the movie can't keep up the frenetic pace after that and soon has to stop and catch its breath, as if the film itself were one of the retirees it features.

Whatever points Red loses for slowing its pace, it more than makes up for the with the introduction of perhaps its biggest selling point: Dame Helen Mirren with an assault rifle. As a former British agent now taken to gardening, Mirren is obviously enjoying herself here, as is the rest of the cast. And despite the fact that Willis and Mary-Louise Parker are the focus, Mirren's relationship with an ex-KGB agent (Brian Cox) is the real heart of the movie.

The only problem with Red, really, is that Willis, at 55, just doesn't look like an old man, which is probably exactly what the actor wants you to think.

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Nowhere Boy
Genre: Drama
Director: Sam Taylor-Wood
Stars: Aaron Johnson, Kristin Scott Thomas, Anne-Marie Duff
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Sam Taylor-Wood's impressive debut about the early life of John Lennon focuses more on Lennon's painful adolescent relationships with his overbearing aunt and estranged mother than his burgeoning musical collaboration with Paul McCartney. The performances are extraordinary and carry the film, particularly Aaron Johnson who gradually transforms from an awkward teen into the icon.

PHIL BROWN

Waiting for "Superman"
Genre: Documentary
Director: Davis Guggenheim
Star: Geoffrey Canada
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In 2006, Davis Guggenheim's An Inconvenient Truth not only won the Best Documentary Oscar but it helped an entire generation understand and start thinking about environmental change. Now the filmmaker hopes Waiting for "Superman" has the same effect on a deplorable American school system that has been reduced to forcing some children to literally play lotteries for spots in decent learning facilities. Like An Inconvenient Truth, the film is a heavy mix of stats and information but with the charismatic personalities of school reformer Geoffrey Canada and the five innocent children that Guggenheim follows through to their fateful lottery day, the message is clear.

STEVE GOW

Stone
Genre: Drama
Director: John Curran
Stars: Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Mila Jovovich
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Stone is a muddled, but intriguing prison drama about a burned out corrections officer, a manipulative con with a conscience, and his femme fatale-esque wife desperate to get a release. This movie should have been a smart dirty thriller, but is teased out into an almost theological think piece by director John Curran. The approach works wonders for the cast, with DeNiro giving a thoughtful if somewhat lazy performance.

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Amusing without 3-D

Jackass 3D
Genre: Comedy
Director: Jeff Tremaine
Stars: Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O
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Three-D would seem tailor-made for the guys from Jackass.

When the technology is used for its funniest and most entertaining purposes, as it was recently in Piranha 3-D," it's all about the wild, gratuitous gimmicks. I don't need to be immersed in Pandora; I want stuff flung at me from the screen.

Johnny Knoxville and Co., who are constantly outdoing themselves with crazy and creative pranks and stunts, would seem to be just the right guys to do that sort of thing. But very little occurs in their latest movie, Jackass 3D, that wouldn't have sufficed in 2-D.

Sure, there's an amusing and effective bit involving archery with a sex toy rather than an arrow. Steve-O and Dave England play tetherball with a beehive — dressed in nothing but furry bear hats and tighty-whities — and it feels as if the worked-up insects are swarming around us, too. Weiner baseball, which is exactly what it sounds like, is good for a laugh because it's presented in artful slow motion (and man, is there a lot of penis in this movie).

But more often than not, this third installment in the franchise, directed as always by Jeff Tremaine, doesn't take full advantage of its visual potential. A Jet-Ski stunt Knoxville performs in a swimming pool, which is featured prominently in the trailers, is a bit of a let down, for example.

Jackass 3D — and the group's entire oeuvre, if you will - is at its best when it's about these guys playing well-orchestrated tricks on each other and the world at large. Getting reactions out of strangers always works: In the most effective example, Knoxville — wearing old-man makeup that makes him look like Ted Turner — makes out in public with a much younger girl who's supposed to be his 19-year-old granddaughter.

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Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie
Genre: Documentary
Director: Sturla Gunnarsson
Star: David Suzuki
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If you grew up watching David Suzuki on The Nature of Things, Canada's environmental icon may seem like an otherworldly grandfather. Director Sturla Gunnarsson's Force of Nature amounts to half-lecture/half-biography and all simply fascinating. Whether it's Suzuki's reminiscence of internment during the Second World War or his affinity for the Haida culture. ◍ STEVE GOW

It's Kind Of A Funny Story
Genre: Dark Comedy
Directors: Anna Boden, Ryan Fleck
Stars: Zach Galifianakis, Keir Gilchrist, Emma Roberts
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It's Kind Of A Funny Story should be a dark comedy combining the voices of cult comic Zach Galifianakis and the directors of Half Nelson. To an extent it is, albeit on the sidelines. Galifianakis creates a touching and hilarious portrait of a lifelong depressive, but unfortunately the film focuses on a suicidal teen learning how crazy the world is during a weeklong stay in a psyche ward.
◍ PHIL BROWN

Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives
Genre: Comdey/Fantasy
Director: Apichatpong Weerasethakul
Stars: Sakda Kaewbuadee, Thanapat Saisaymar
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Thai wunderkind Apichatpong Weerasathakul's Palme D'Or winner lives up to the hype and then some. This gentle, wondrous narrative of recurrence and reincarnation — focused on the last days of a dying farmer — is cinema at is most adventurous. Not to mention generous: even as his formal mastery grows, Apichatpong leaves plenty of space for the viewer to tease out the film's supple, suggestive meanings. Indelible image: a jungle nighttime dotted by the glowing eyes of indigenous phantoms, watching us watching them.
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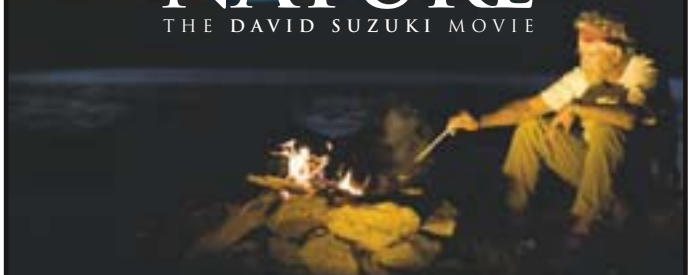

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In Focus

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Edward Norton has made a career of playing jailbirds on screen. His edgy intensity lights up movies like this weekend's Stone, despite one writer calling him "the passport definition of no distinguishing marks." The Yale graduate's slight, gawky frame is not exactly what you have in mind when you think criminal and yet his portrayals of people on life's fringe's have earned him Oscar nominations and come to define his career.

In his first big screen part Norton played the dual role of altar boy Aaron and his alter ego, the psychotic Roy in the film Primal Fear. Accused of murder, he is zealously defended by a defense attorney (Richard Gere) who is drawn to the sweet Southern boy until he realizes that Aaron is totally insane. A complete unknown when he auditioned for the role, he tricked the film's director into thinking he shared an eastern Kentucky background with Aaron by speaking with a twang — which he picked by watching Coal Miner's Daughter.

"The most I had to offer was anonymity," he later said. "The potency of the revelation about who my character really was in that film was in part reliant on the fact that people had absolutely no prior knowledge of me."

▶ Edward Norton plays an arsonist looki

Next time behind bars he pulled a De Niro, and in American History X physically transformed to play the role of a white supremacist sent away for murder. In jail he learns the error of his ways and works to help his brother from going down the

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ing to get out on parole in Stone which opens on Friday.

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"I knew this guy was going to have to be really physically fearsome," he says, "and that's not something anyone would peg me for. [He's] defined by rage and this body he's created is the physical manifestation of that."

In this weekend's Stone he stars as an arsonist who will do anything, including using his wife as bait, to earn parole. Despite having played convicts in the past, Norton was keen to bring an extra layer of realism to this role so he met with actual prisoners to learn how they spoke.

"Their language is fantastic. At one point, one of these guys was telling me about a fight and how he had to just let it happen and not fight. (He said,) 'When you're short time, you have to be a vegetarian.' I said, 'What?' He said, 'Vegetarian, you can't have beef with nobody.'"

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▶ Special effects filmmaker Remy Couture, centre, demonstrates outside the Montreal courthouse with supporters.

When does gore become a crime?

It was like a scene from a Wes Craven movie Wednesday outside the Montreal courthouse.

There were about 20 demonstrators, dressed as ghouls and zombies, around the building to protest criminal charges being laid against a maker of gory films.

Remy Couture requested a jury trial and pleaded not guilty to charges of moral corruption and distributing obscene material, laid under Section 163 of the Criminal Code.

Police say they arrested Couture after international complaints about the extremely gruesome and realistic-looking violence on his website. That site, innerdepravity.com, is temporarily shut down.

But Couture calls the case a disgrace: "I believe it's a waste of time. A waste of time for me, and for society," he said Wednesday.

"It's a waste of money, too. Because I'm not a criminal. I have no record. I'm a special-effects artist.

"I find this a bit of an embarrassment for Quebec, that this time wouldn't be spent on real cases. But they're going ahead."

He said his only crime is using fake blood, latex and silicone to help tell disturbing stories. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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6 Best Clint flicks

We've let Clint Eastwood take over this week because ... well, because he's Clint Eastwood. Would you say no to the man?

Actually, Eastwood was kind enough to take a few moments to select his five favourite movies from the dozens he's directed; his latest, Hereafter, opens this weekend .THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1988

- Eastwood's biopic on jazz legend Charlie Parker: "It was a nice story about someone whose musicianship I admired so greatly. It was a good script on the analysis of the self-destructiveness of personality: people who insist on sinking into the abyss. Success, being idolized by other musicians — none of it was enough."

LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA 2006

- One of two Second World War films Eastwood released in 2006: "I was proud of Letters from Iwo Jima. I got the idea of doing it while doing Flags of Our Fathers, which is about the American invasion of the island. But the film pointed out what it must have been like to have been one of the defenders of the island"

MILLION DOLLAR BABY
2004

- Starring Hilary Swank as a boxer and Eastwood as her reluctant trainer: "It appealed to me because it was a story regarding family — a search for the daughter he never had a relationship with, and the search for the father that was no longer there for her. They were both sort of reticent, and ended up putting themselves through the most emotional test possible."

MYSTIC RIVER
2003

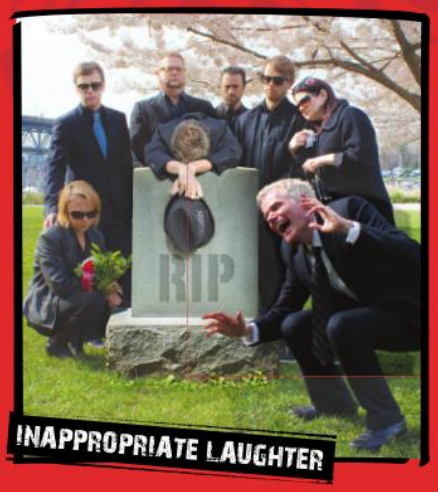
- About childhood friends reunited by tragedy in an insular part of Boston: "I liked the book and the screenplay by Brian Helgeland. The way sometimes fate deals a bad hand, and it just keeps getting worse and worse, and there is nothing anyone can do. No amount of sane advice can stop the train."

THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES
1976

- Starring Eastwood as a Missouri farmer out for revenge after the Civil War: "It was the first Western I had done in some time since the 1960s Leone movies. It came out in the '70s when the country was restless about Vietnam. It addressed the divisiveness of war, and how it can tear at heart and soul. But it also dealt with the rejuvenation of a cynic, re-instilling his life with purpose."

UNFORGIVEN
1992

- Eastwood as a retired gunslinger taking on one last job: "I loved the Unforgiven script. You had to get a ways into it before you knew who was the protagonist and who was the antagonist. Even the villains, with the exceptions of the renegade cowboys, had good points to their character, and had dreams. It was a very rich story, involving loyalty to friends, family and rationalizing deeds."



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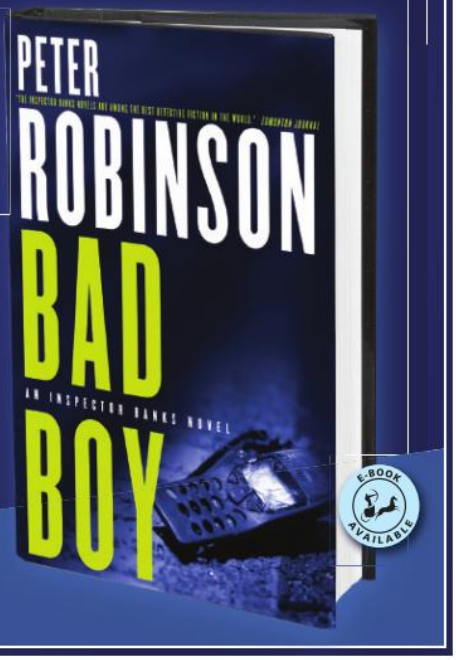

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Carlos gets his celebrity status

Story of infamous terrorist was filmed in many real-life locations

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"The good thing about long films is that there's a lot to talk about," says Olivier Assayas of his five-hour thriller Carlos.

The film, which tells the true story of the notorious Venezuelan-born terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez — aka Carlos the Jackal — is notable not only for its epic length, but for the fact that Assayas shot in as many of the real-life locations as possible.

"Usually, any Western film (set in) the Middle East will be shot in Morocco," says the director. "Because this was a French production, I could go places Hollywood couldn't, like Lebanon or Syria."

Assayas says that Carlos is the most meticulously researched film of his career to date.

"It's a very thin line between getting things right and getting them wrong," he says. "You have a responsibility to an audience that's going to believe that what you say is true, so you have to try to be obsessively accurate."

Long movies

Carlos checks in at around 5½ hours (there is a also shorter 2½ hours version for some theatrical releases). Surprisingly there are plenty of movies in the same company length-wise as Carlos. Here is a partial list of are some other movies that crossed to the five-hour mark.

- Cleopatra (1963): 330 minutes
- Little Dorrit (1988): 360 mins.
- The Best of Youth (2003): 400 mins.
- Sátántangó (1994): 450 mins.
- War and Peace (1968): 484 mins.
- Shoah (1985): 566 mins.
- Evolution of a Filipino Family (2004): 647 mins.
- How Yukong Moved the Mountains (1976): 763 mins.
- Out 1 (1971): 773 mins.

The film's immaculate period textures and smartly curated pop soundtrack do a lot to cement the sense of time and place.

"To me, it's not a period piece," says Assayas. "I lived through those times, so for me it is part of my life, which means it is part of the present."

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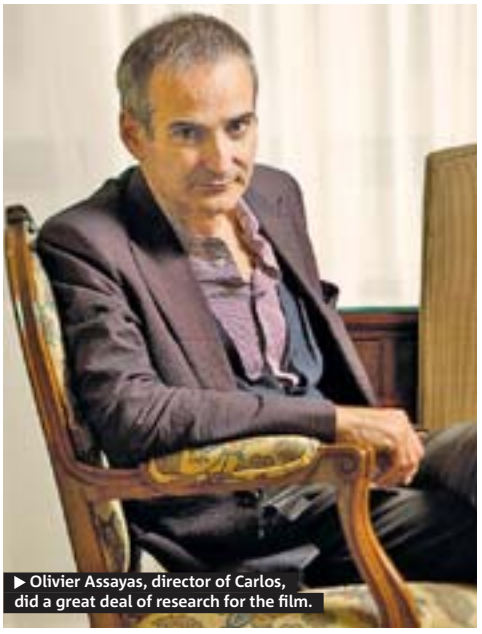

▶ Olivier Assayas, director of Carlos, did a great deal of research for the film.

The most contemporary aspect of Carlos is the way it analyzes its protagonist's striving for celebrity: in a profession that prizes stealth, Ramirez's desire to sculpt himself into an iconic figure sticks out.

"The fact that Carlos was a terrorist who was also media-conscious makes him quite unique," admits Assayas, "but it was also his undoing. "It's the reason he's in jail now. His colleagues were creatures of the shadows, and now, they are walking free."

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The Town (14A) Fri-Tue 1:15-4-7:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 1:15-4-9:45
Waiting for Superman (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-9:30
You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45-6:50-9

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Eat Pray Love (PG) Sat-Sun 4:05-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Girl Who Played With Fire (18A) Sat-Sun 4-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:20
Let Me In (14A) Sat-Sun 4:10-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10
Resident Evil: Afterlife (18A) Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
Return to El Salvador (PG) Sat-Sun 4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:05
You Again (G) Sat-Sun 4:25-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:25

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The Last Airbender (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu
Salt (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:25-7:30 Mon-Wed 7:30
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Wed 9:20

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Life as We Know It (PG) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-9:55 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:55 DTS Digital Mon-Tue 5:20-8:15 DTS Digital Wed 5:20 DTS Digital Thu 5:20-8:15
Red (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Tue 5:10-8 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed 8 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 5:10
Secretariat (G) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 6:45-9:35 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:35 DTS Digital Mon-Wed 5-7:45 DTS Digital Thu 7:45

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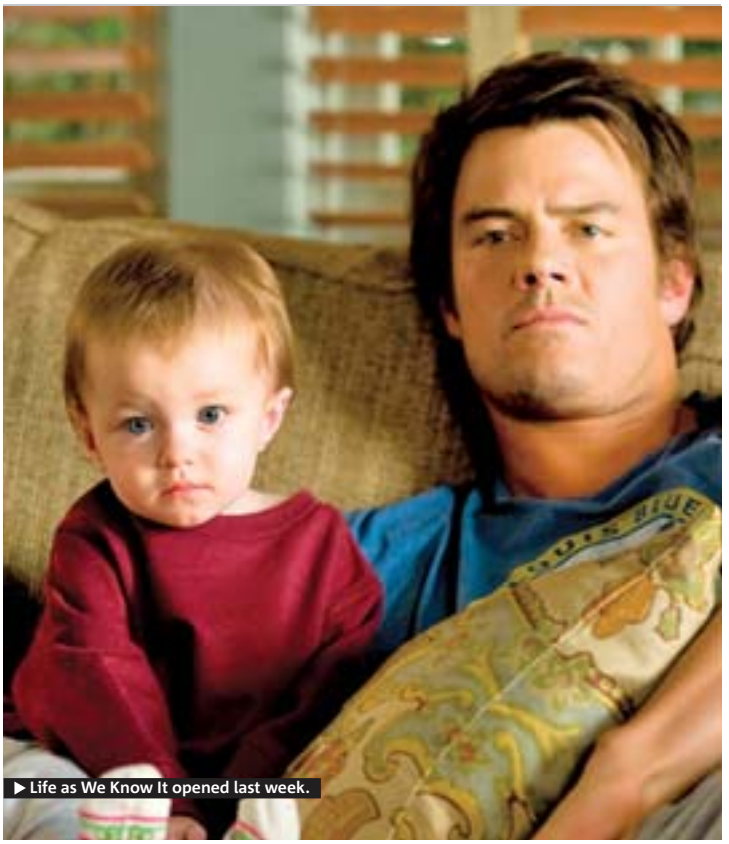
▶ Life as We Know It opened last week.

Le Amiche (STC) Thu 7
The Dark Crystal (STC) Sun 1
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat
Rope (STC) Sun 7-8:40 Tue 1
Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans (STC) Thu 9
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The Wooden Lightbox: A Secret Art of Seeing (STC) Mon 7:30

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Heart of a Dragon (STC) A.M. Sun 10
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Inception (PG) Fri 4-7-9:50 Sat 1-4-7-9:50 Sun 1-4-7:30 Mon-Thu 4-7:30

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Best Worst Movie (PG) Fri 12
Paranormal Activity 2 (STC) Thu 12
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Troll 2 (STC) Fri

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Buried (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:50-10:20
Inception (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:10 Mon 6:50-10:10 Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:10 Wed 3:40-6:50-10:10 Thu 12:30-3:40-10:10
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-1:30-2:40-4:20-5-7:20-7:40-10:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:30-2-4:20-4:40-7:20-7:40-10:05-10:25
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:30
A Prairie Home Companion With Garrison Keillor - Live (STC) Thu 7
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:10
Secretariat (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:40
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:30
The Town (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-7:10-10:15 Wed-Thu 1-4-10:15

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Catfish (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:50-10:05
Easy A (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:40-7:55-10:20
Fubar 2 (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:30-5:45-8-10:30
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
The Man From Nowhere (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:35-10:25
My Soul to Take (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 2:20-4:55-7:30-9:55 No Passes Thu 2:20-4:55
Never Let Me Go (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:15

2:15-4:50-7:20-9:50
Nowhere Boy (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:15-9:40
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3-4:05-6-7-9:05-10 Thu 1-3-4:05-6-9:05-10
You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:05-9:30

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Drummer's Dream (STC) Sat 2
Kinshasa Symphony (STC) Tue 6:30
Love Shines (STC) Sat 4
Love Translated (STC) Mon 8:45
Snow White (STC) Sun 4
Stephen Fry: Wagner & Me (STC) Sun 2
Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives (STC) Sat-Sun 6:30-8:45 Mon 6:30 Tue 8:45 Wed 6:30 Thu 8:45
Vancouver International Film Festival (STC) Fri
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Winds of Heaven (STC) Wed 8:45

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Jackass 3 (14A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-3:55-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
Easy A (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:15-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 2:4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
Let Me In (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
My Soul to Take 3D (14A) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30
Red (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
You Again (G) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50

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Jackass 3D (14A) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
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The Social Network (PG) Fri 6:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Town (14A) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:45

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Jackass 3 (14A) Fri 4:25-7:20-9:45 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:20-9:45 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri 4:15-7-9:40 Sat 1:30-4:15-7-9:40 Sun 1:30-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
Red (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:35-6:30 Mon-Thu 1-3:35
Buried (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-6:40-9:35
Case 39 (14A) Fri-Sun 9:30
Easy A (PG) Fri-Tue 1:35-4:35-7:40-10:15 Wed 1:35-4:35-10:15 Thu 4:35-7:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:25
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-2:4:10-4:45-7:15-7:45-10:05-10:35
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:30
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
My Soul to Take 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:20-10:20
Nowhere Boy (PG) Fri-Wed 1:25-4:20-7:25-10:10 Thu 4:20-7:25-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Red (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:15-3:30-4:15-7:7:30-10-10:30
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Secretariat (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:55-9:55
The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-1:30-3:55-4:30-6:50-7:35-9:50-10:40
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:20
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-7:05-10:15
You Again (G) Fri-Sun 12:55-4-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50

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Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:50-3:35-4:45-6:45-7:40-9:30-10:15
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:40
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:25-10:10
My Soul to Take (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:15-10:05
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The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:45
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:05-10
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:55-9:55

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Case 39 (14A) Fri 4:15-7:20-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:20-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:20-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20
Despicable Me (G) Fri 4:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:25
Devil (14A) Fri-Sat 7:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 7:30
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri 4-7-10 Sat 1-4-7-10 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
Inception (PG) Fri 3:55-7:10-10:20 Sat 12:55-4:10-7:20-10:25 Sun 12:55-4:10-7:20 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:10
Let Me In (14A) Fri 4:10-7:15-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:15-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15
Secretariat (G) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
You Again (G) Fri 4:20-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:20-4:25-7:25-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25

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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Thu 1-4:40
Buried (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:50-10:30
Catfish (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:30-7-9:25
Despicable Me (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35
Easy A (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:20
Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:35
Fubar II (18A) Fri-Thu 7:45-10:20
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:25-8
Jackass 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12-12:45-2:45-3:45-5:15-7-8-10-10:35
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:30
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My Soul to Take 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:40-10:25
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The Social Network (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-12:55-3:20-4:10-6:35-7:15-9:40-10:20
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:05-10:10
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:30-9:50
You Again (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-7:10-9:50

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Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Takers (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 7

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Alpha and Omega (G) Fri-Thu 4:40
Case 39 (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) Sat-Sun 12:45
Despicable Me (G) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
Devil (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
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Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri-Thu 6:35
The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Inception (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
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Anjaana Anjaani (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:40-10:10
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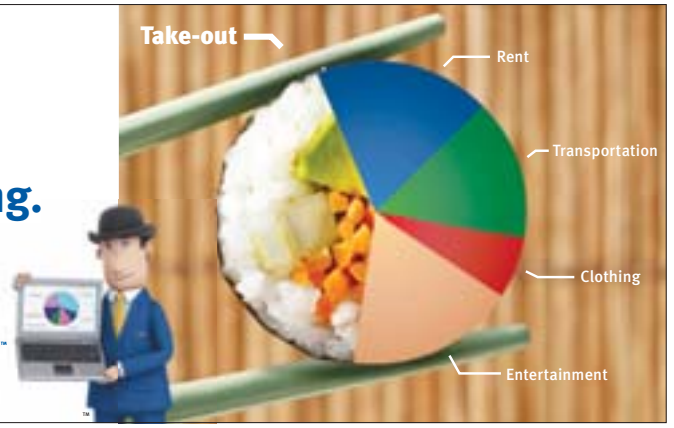

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The first time anyone offered drivers a chance to customize their musical experience beyond the radio was Chrysler. In the 1950s, they, for a brief time, offered an under-dash turntable. It didn't go over so well with the motoring public.

Since then, the standard AM radio grew to include FM, 8-tracks, cassettes, CDs and six- and 10-pack changers and satellite radio with many featuring displays that looked like they were designed by a Las Vegas casino. Mono became stereo. Four speakers became six, then eight, then 12 then … well, you know.

But all this is nothing compared to the revolution in automobile entertainment systems that's just starting to hit.

Consider this: Up to 25 per cent of smart phone/MP3 users already connect their devices to their car speakers. Given how awkward this process can be (FM transmitters, ugly cable connections), this is astounding. One in four!

When it comes to factory equipment, Ford has the early lead with their excellent powered-by-Microsoft Sync system. Want to know how Ford has managed to move so many vehicles in the last couple of quarters? Look no further than the audio systems they're offering in selected models. They've also just announced their AppLink system which will allow smart phone developers to seamlessly link their apps with Sync. It will be ridiculously easy to stream, say, Internet radio, from your smart phone through your Ford, complete with all sort of nifty hands-free voice commands. Ford says they've had more than a thousand proposals so far.

Selected Audi vehicles offer always-on Internet through a 3G connection. That means you can be rolling down any road at any speed and be continuously connected to the Internet. What's more is that the Audi system creates a local Wi-Fi network within the car so that the kids can surf the web from their smart phones, iPads or laptops in the back seat.

GM, Volkswagen, Kia and a growing number of manufacturers are working on similar systems. Pandora has a deal with GM to get their streaming service into your next Chevy Malibu (but not in Canada, don't get me started on why not). Meanwhile, after market manufactures like Audiovox are touting car radio units that will stream tens of thousands of Internet radio stations.

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Rub-a-dub-dub, it started in the tub

Darius Rucker's album Charleston, SC 1966, debuts this week ◗ Hootie & the Blowfish marks its 25th anniversary

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▶ Launching his second solo album this week, Darius Rucker says Hootie & the Blowfish is still together and will record another album at some point.

Darius Rucker has spent the last few years reinventing himself as a country star. He's had a platinum debut, No. 1 hits and his follow-up, Charleston, SC 1966, debuted this week with high expectations.

Rucker hasn't forgotten what made him one of music's most bankable voices, though. You know, a certain laid-back rock band that turned out to be the melodic antidote to grunge and one of the biggest acts of the 1990s.

Hootie & the Blowfish celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, and Rucker says the band will record another album and tour at some point.

"This country thing is what I'm doing," Rucker said. "This is my career change. This is what I'm doing 'til I retire. But I know for a fact that — I don't want to put a time on it — but soon there's going to be another Hootie record, another Hootie tour because I love the guys and I think we will always be a band."

Rucker said the band never really broke up — though they haven't recorded together since releasing Looking For Lucky in 2005. They play together occasionally, including four dates this year, and bandmates see each other often. Rucker says the chemistry that helped them sell more than 25 million records remains strong.

"We could get together right now and have an album for you in three months," Rucker said.

Hootie guitarist Mark Bryan says he has an album's worth of songs alone. But with Rucker's new album fresh on the streets, he knows it will be some time until the singer is free of his country commitments to record with the band: "I'm probably not looking at another Hootie album for another year or two at the very least so I might as well make another album."

Rucker's solo country turn has turned in to quite a run. His first country album, 2008's Learn To Live spawned three No. 1 songs, sold about 1.5 million copies and earned him a Country Music Association Award for best new artist. Expectations are even higher for Charleston.

Rucker's second act as a country music star is no surprise to Bryan. He's been listening to his friend belt out country tunes since they met in 1985 when Bryan heard Rucker singing in the shower of their University of South Carolina dorm hall.

"The very first show Darius and I did together at Pappy's with an acoustic guitar, we did 'Family Tradition' by Hank Williams Jr., which he's still doing in his solo country set," Bryan said.

After a few months, Rucker and Bryan decided to go for it and enlisted bassist Dean Felber and a drummer. Felber, who had played in a band with Bryan during high school, didn't really want to join but he said he'd fill in until they could find a permanent bassist. They played at Pappy's in February 1986, adding drummer Jim Sonefeld four years later after their first drummer quit to pursue a religious ministry following graduation.

"When we started this we said we wanted to be one of those bands that played for a long time," Rucker said. "And it's amazing 25 years after asking Dean to play with us, we're still looking for a bass player and we're still in a band. That's pretty awesome."

Friends will celebrate Hootie & The Blowfish's 25th anniversary with a concert and art installation unveiling in Columbia on Oct. 21. "So it will be like a tribute, which makes me feel like I'm 80," he said.

It will be a cherished memory for Rucker, who admits many of his memories from the Hootie years are a "blur."

"We had just taken college and extended it a few years," he said. "Our tour was a travelling party every day. Every day, all day. I look back and I laugh, people will ask me things and they'll say things, and I'll say, 'I don't remember that.'"

He knows, for instance, that he spent time on stage with Michael Jackson. He knows the story and there's video to prove it. But one of the highlights of his career just isn't in his memory.

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An animated kind of love

The Dating Guy's lead lady-searcher chats about pick-up lines, date prep and the perfect woman

▶ Character Mark Dexler, left, reaches for romance in Teletoon's The Dating Guy

The Dating Guy, Teletoon's new television series about dating, sex and friendship is about to shake-up Sunday nights.

The animated series follows the adventures of four friends — Mark, Woody, Sam and VJ — on their weekly search for love.

Metro recently caught up with the charming Mark Dexler, a metrosexual and quasi-charimatic character on the show voiced by Canadian actor Fabrizio Filippo.

We find out how this man's ongoing hunt for "the one" is shaping up and asked for some advice.

You are searching for "the one." What qualities are you looking for in a woman?

The perfect woman to me is someone who is intelligent and independent and passionate about making the world a better place. But has to have really nice boobs.

What are some of your best pick up lines?

Imagine we're in a dance club I approach a lady...

Me: You wanna dance?!
Her: Not with you!
Me: I'm sorry, you misunderstood me! I said you look fat in those pants!

You're a pretty metrosexual guy. What are your grooming and wardrobe advice to other guys?

Don't forget to wash behind your ears. A lot of guys forget that.

Why exactly do you think you've been unlucky in love so far?

See question number one.

Tell me about some of your most memorable dates.

I can't remember any of the memorable ones.

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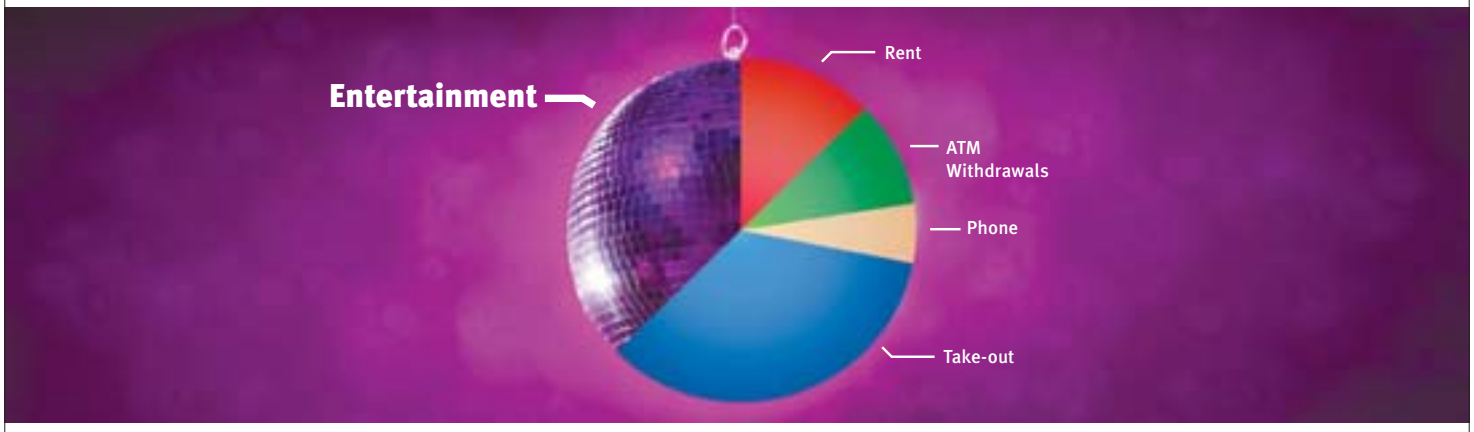

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JUSTIN BIEBER

BOOKS
Stamped with a "100 per cent official" logo, Justin Bieber First Step 2 Forever: My Story hit bookstores last Tuesday. Heavy on photographs — 240 to be exact — the hardcover book let's fans in on Bieber's childhood; from a Stratford, Ont., street busker to an international teen singing sensation. In the book, the Biebs also talks about his love of pranks.

VAMPIRE DIARIES

MUSIC
Fans of The Vampire Diaries can now listen to hit songs from the show whenever they want. A soundtrack to the TV series has been released, featuring a biting mix of exclusive tracks unavailable elsewhere — including songs by Smashing Pumpkins and Gorillaz — plus favourites from season one.

GREAT PUMPKIN

DVD
Nothing says Halloween more than the perennial broadcast of It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown. Now you can stay up all-night with Linus as he waits for the Great Pumpkin's arrival anytime you want. A new DVD/Blu-ray combo pack of the cartoon has been released with some extra content; a second story featuring the Peanuts gang.

STEVE MARTIN

TV
CBC Television's Just for Laughs will feature the legendary Steve Martin on Monday night. Martin — who will be joined by Steve Patterson, Orny Adams and Mik Birbiglia — will showcase some new material written for Just for Laughs, along with his musical talents. The show airs at 9 p.m.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2

MOVIES
Paranormal Activity was a huge hit this past year, and the people behind it are ready to strike again with the sequel. Opening next weekend, Paranormal Activity 2 will feature the sister from the first film moving into the anything-but-normal house.

SWATCH

STYLE
Iconic Swiss watch company Swatch has released a new series of 10 trendy — yet understated — models. The New Gent Collection comes in a great selection of colours, including Olive, Purple, Petrol and Brown, and comes with a large face design for easy time telling. swatch.com.

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Metro pick

▶ A new DVD collection includes 24 of Humphrey Bogart's films, including Casablanca.

HUMPHREY BOGART

CULTURE
Warner Home Video has released the ultimate DVD collection for any fans of screen legend Humphrey Bogart. The set, called The Essential Collection, features 24 of Bogie's best films on 12 discs, including Key Largo, Casablanca and High Sierra. The set also contains postcard-sized movie posters of the films, and a number of special features.

Here's looking at you, kid.

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VANCOUVER WEDDING SHOW

When:
Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where:
Vancouver Convention Centre

The annual fall wedding show highlights the must-have products and by top wedding professionals including dresses, culinary creations, decor, and more.
Tix: $20.
Info: vancouverweddingshow.ca.

MARGARET TRUDEAU

When:
Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where:
Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, UBC

Margaret Trudeau, ex-wife of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, will be speaking about the stigma of living with bipolar disorder, with which she's struggled all her life.
Tix: $35.75.
Info: ticketmaster.ca.

SPOOKY SEAS AT THE VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

When:
Saturday until Oct. 31
Where:
Vancouver Aquarium, Stanley Park

The Aquarium's Halloween exhibits kick off on Saturday with the 4D film Curse Of Skull Rock, haunted galleries with true tales of shipwrecks off the B.C. coasts, and the Skulls, Teeth And Creeps Of The Deep exhibit, complete with the jaw of a great white shark.
Tix: $21.
Info: vanaqua.org.

JOE FRESH STREET CONCERT

When:
Saturday, 2-6 p.m.
Where:
Granville Street between Dunsmuir and Pender

Joe Fresh, the Superstore clothing brand, just opened its first stand-alone store at 540 Granville St. On Saturday, its holding a free street party with performances by Divine Brown, Sweet Thing, Stereos, and Marianas Trench.

TASTE OF YALETOWN

When:
Daily until Oct. 31
Where:
Various Yaletown restaurants

The annual Taste Of Yaletown event allows diners to try some of the neighbourhood's best restaurants through set three-course menus at $25, $35 or $45.
A portion of the proceeds benefit the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society.
Info: yaletowninfo.com.

LEBOWSKI FEST

When:
Saturday and Sunday
Where:
1426 1st Avenue, Seattle

If you want to get out of town or simply love all things Lebowski, this event is for you. Saturday features a screening of the cult classic The Big Lebowski. The following night includes a bowling party with costumes, White Russians and trivia contests.
Tix: $20.
Info: lebowskifest.com.

Lindsay finds comfort in ... Tom Arnold?

GETTY IMAGES

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly been seeing at least one friendly face while in rehab, as Tom Arnold is also receiving treatment at the Betty Ford Center, according to E! News. "Tom Arnold has been really nice to Lindsay. "He's been trying to make friends with her," a source says. Of course, their interaction has been limited, given the circumstances. "Men and women are segregated," the source explains, "and don't interact beyond any group sessions."

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Celebrity tweets

Katy Perry [@katyperry] Shooting the cover to a very CHIC magazine. Today I have to act like a grown up, dang it...

Russell Crowe [@russellcrowe] @AnneRiceAuthor Hello Anne, I know this is a bit forward, but if you are ever planning to write a movie script, please keep me in mind.

Bret Easton Ellis [@BretEastonEllis] Italy. Hotel in Turin. Watching the Chilean miners being saved and just realized: I've been on this tour longer than they've been trapped...

Conan O'Brien [@ConanOBrien] Tried changing my Facebook status to "craving gumbo" but Facebook automatically changed it to "BOYCOTT THE FACEBOOK MOVIE. IT'S ALL LIES!"

'It ain't about selling pictures'

Russell Brand insists he and Katy Perry's upcoming wedding won't be extravagant, despite reports to the contrary. "We just love each other and we want to get married in front of our friends and family and keep it very normal," he tells the New York Times. "It ain't about selling the pictures, it ain't about doing no prenup. It's just a normal thing."

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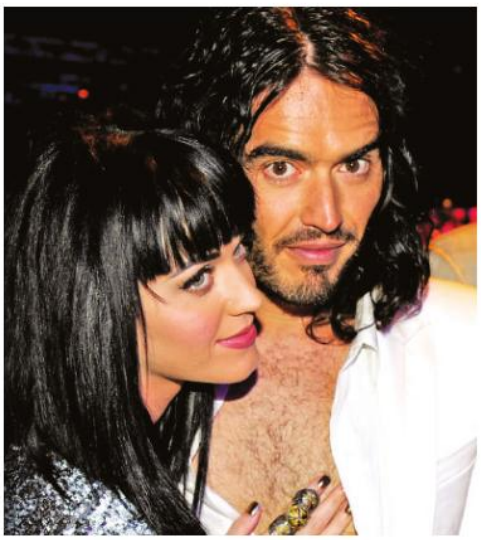

Usher wants more than one woman

With his divorce from Tameka Foster finalized, Usher says he doesn't see another wedding in his future. "It didn't work out for me the first time, I'm in no rush to do it again," he tells Playboy magazine. "Maybe I can find a couple of women who are open-minded. Look at how Hugh Hefner does it, with a harem of women."

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Kanye sharing his naughty bits

Naked pics of Kanye West are reportedly being shopped around, according to Radar Online, and they may have originated with West. One of the photos shows him exposing himself through his underwear. "These pics have been floating around since he hit so many girls up on MySpace," a source says.

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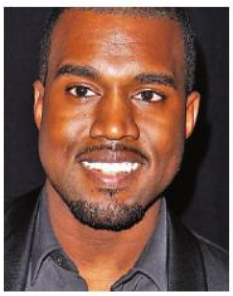

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Weekend ideas

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▶ If you're having some guests over try this Baked Mushroom Topped Brie. And if you're staying in, try this Mushroom, Chicken and Leek Pot Pie.

Have fun with fungi

Prepare and chill the mushroom and brie topping to have on hand for spur of the moment entertaining. Baking and serving on oven-proof platter keeps the cheese warm while eating. For a full — and fast — meal, check out our mushroom pot pie recipe as well:

Baked Mushroom Topped Brie

Ingredients:

Baked Mushroom Topped Brie

- ½ lb (250 g) fresh sliced mushrooms (white or crimini)
- ½ cup (125 ml) coarsely chopped onions
- ¼ cup (50 ml) finely chopped walnuts
- 1 large clove garlic, sliced
- ½ tsp (2 ml) each dried thyme, rosemary and pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1 (200g) wheel cold Brie cheese
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) finely minced fresh parsley or chives (optional)

Mushroom, Chicken and Leek Pot Pie

- 1 lb (500 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil, divided
- 2 large leeks, white part only, sliced
- 1 lb (500g) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) dried tarragon
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) chicken stock
- ½ tsp (2 ml) salt
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 1 9"/22cm deep dish frozen pie shell, thawed

Preparation:

1. Finely chop mushrooms, onions, walnuts and garlic, thyme, rosemary and pepper in food processor.
2. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat; cook and stir mushroom mixture for 5-7 minutes or until all liquid has evaporated. Stir in vinegar and cook 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature; cover and chill.
3. At serving time slice the wheel of Brie in half horizontally and place cut side up on oven-proof serving plate or baking pan. Spoon the topping evenly on cut surfaces of Brie. Bake in 350F/180C oven for about 8-10 minutes or until cheese is beginning to melt. Sprinkle parsley or chives on top to garnish if desired. Serve with thinly sliced whole wheat baguette or plain crackers. Makes 12.

Mushroom, Chicken and Leek Pot Pie

Preparation:

1. Cut chicken into ¾-inch (2 cm) cubes. In large non-stick saucepan or deep skillet, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the oil over medium-high heat. Cook chicken until lightly browned but still pink inside, about 3-4 minutes. Spoon into 6 cup (1.5 l) baking dish or deep pie plate.
2. Reduce heat to medium and add remaining oil to same pan. Sauté leeks, mushroom and tarragon for 2-3 minutes; cover and cook about 3 minutes or until vegetables are softened. Sprinkle in flour and stir to blend. Gradually stir in chicken stock, salt and pepper. Bring to boil and stir until thickened. Spoon mixture over chicken. Invert thawed pie shell over casserole pressing pastry edge to baking dish and crimp or flute the edges. Cut 3-4 slits in pastry. Bake in 425°F (220°C) oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 4.

NEWS CANADA

3 life

Super Food

Did you know that blueberries deliver a potent antioxidant punch? Research states that a one-cup serving of wild blueberries has more total antioxidant capacity (TAC) than a serving of most other fruits.

NEWS CANADA

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4 sports

Canada knocked off medal podium

Country falls out of top three at Games for first time since 1962

For the first time in 48 years Canada failed to crack the top three at the Commonwealth Games, muscled off the podium by a mighty host Indian team the Canadians didn't see coming.

Riding the swell of a country's pride, India used homefield advantage that could have been Canada's to roar to an impressive 101 medals, including 38 gold.

"We did not anticipate our counterparts in India to do as well as they did," said Scott Stevenson, Commonwealth Games Canada's director of sport.

"We knew they would do better than they did in Melbourne (India won 50 medals four years ago) but we didn't anticipate them virtually doubling their medal count," Stevenson added.

"Our hats go off to them."

The New Delhi Games wrapped up Thursday, bringing an end to a problem-plagued project that began in 2003 when the Indian capital beat out Hamilton for the right to host the event.

Australia won the most medals with 177, including 74 gold, while India finished second in the official standings, which are calculated by gold medals.

England finished with 142 total medals, but was third based on its 37 golds.

Flag-bearer

- Cyclist Tara Whitten was Canada's flag-bearer at Thursday's closing ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games.
- Whitten won four medals during the Games.
- The 30-year-old from Edmonton took the gold in the individual time trial. She also won three bronze medals in track cycling.

Canada's team of 251 athletes finished fourth, winning 75 overall and 26 gold.

The overall medal total, which also included 17 silver and 32 bronze, was a slip from the 86 captured four years ago in Melbourne.

Canadian officials set a target of 75 to 80 medals, believing that was good enough for top three in the overall medal count.

They obviously underestimated India, the biggest team here at 407 strong.

With less than two years until the London Olympics, it's difficult to use these Games to gauge how Canada measures up on the pitch and in the pool. Few athletes peaked for the event because it's so late in the season, and the team was missing several big names. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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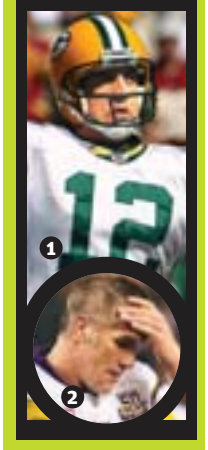
▶ A Canadian athlete takes part in the closing ceremonies for the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India.

Sports in brief



1 QB Aaron Rodgers was cleared by doctors and returned to practice for Green Bay.

2 Brett Favre returned to practice for the Minnesota Vikings after sitting out to rest his elbow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Toronto	3	3	0	0	0	12	6	6	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	W3
d-Tampa Bay	3	3	0	0	0	12	8	6	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	W3
d-Philadelphia	4	2	1	1	0	10	9	5	1-1-0-0	1-0-1-0	2-1-1-0	L1
Washington	4	3	1	0	0	14	9	6	3-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	W3
Carolina	3	2	1	0	0	8	7	4	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	L1
NY Islanders	3	1	1	0	1	11	11	3	1-0-0-1	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-1	L1
Montreal	3	1	1	1	0	8	9	3	0-0-1-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-1-0	L1
Buffalo	4	1	2	1	0	8	12	3	0-2-1-0	1-0-0-0	1-2-1-0	L3
Ottawa	4	1	2	1	0	7	12	3	1-1-0-0	0-1-1-0	1-2-1-0	W1
New Jersey	4	1	2	1	0	7	14	3	0-1-1-0	1-1-0-0	1-2-1-0	W1
NY Rangers	2	1	1	0	0	10	9	2	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Boston	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	0-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Atlanta	3	1	2	0	0	8	10	2	1-0-0-0	0-2-0-0	1-2-0-0	L2
Florida	3	1	2	0	0	6	5	2	0-0-0-0	1-2-0-0	1-2-0-0	W1
Pittsburgh	4	1	3	0	0	10	11	2	0-3-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-3-0-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Dallas	3	3	0	0	0	13	8	6	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	W3
d-Nashville	3	3	0	0	0	11	6	6	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	W3
d-Colorado	3	2	1	0	0	11	11	4	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	W1
Detroit	4	2	1	0	1	12	11	5	1-0-0-1	1-1-0-0	2-1-0-1	L2
St. Louis	3	2	1	0	0	10	6	4	2-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	L1
Edmonton	3	2	1	0	0	9	6	4	2-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	3	2	1	0	0	6	5	4	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	W1
San Jose	2	1	0	1	0	5	5	3	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0	L1
Minnesota	3	1	1	0	1	8	8	3	1-1-0-0	0-0-0-1	1-1-0-1	W1
Vancouver	3	1	1	0	1	6	7	3	1-0-0-1	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-1	L1
Chicago	4	1	2	1	0	11	13	3	0-2-0-0	1-0-1-0	1-2-1-0	L1
Columbus	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Phoenix	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	0-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Calgary	3	1	2	0	0	3	8	2	1-1-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-2-0-0	L1
Anaheim	4	1	3	0	0	6	16	2	1-0-0-0	0-3-0-0	1-3-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 3 Philadelphia 2
Ottawa 3 Carolina 2
Nashville 4 St. Louis 3
Minnesota 4 Edmonton 2
Dallas 4 Detroit 1
Florida 3 Calgary 0
Wednesday's results
Anaheim 4 Vancouver 3
Tampa Bay 4 Montreal 3 (OT)
Toronto 4 Pittsburgh 3
Nashville 3 Chicago 2
New Jersey 1 Buffalo 0 (OT)
Washington 2 N.Y. Islanders 1
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

WILD 4, OILERS 2

First Period
1. Minnesota, Miettinen 1 (Brunette, Barker) 7:48 (pp)
Penalties — Cullen Min (hooking) 1:39, Brunette Min (holding) 5:08, Penner Edm (hooking) 5:52, Zanon Min (cross-checking) 11:16, Brodziak Min (roughing) 18:36.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Penner 2 (Hemsky, Gagner) 2:57 (pp)
3. Edmonton, Gilbert 1 (Horcoff) 8:24
4. Minnesota, Koivu 1 (Cullen, Miettinen) 14:31 (pp)
5. Minnesota, Koivu 2 (Brunette, Zidlicky) 15:23 (pp)
Penalties — Latendresse Min (tripping) 2:36, Edmonton bench (too many men; served by Hall) 9:14, Paajarvi Edm (holding) 14:08, Vandermeer Edm (interference) 14:37, C.Fraser Edm, Miettinen Min (roughing) 15:23, Clutterbuck Min (interference) 18:41.
Third Period
6. Minnesota, Cullen 2 (Koivu) 7:37 (pp)
Penalties — Foster Edm (hooking) 1:02, Foster Edm (holding stick) 7:33, Staubitz Min (hooking) 11:37.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	10	6	10	26
Minnesota	5	11	8	24

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,2-1-0); Minnesota: Backstrom (W,1-1-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 1-7; Minnesota: 4-6.
Referees — Marc Joannette, Ghislain Hebert.
Linesmen — Ryan Galloway, Thor Nelson.
Att. — 18,449 (18,064) at St. Paul, Minn.

PANTHERS 3, FLAMES 0

First Period
1. Florida, Dvorak 1 (Reasoner, Stillman) 4:20
2. Florida, Dvorak 2 (Reasoner, Wideman) 7:25
Penalties — Jokinen Cal (hooking) 8:42, Jackman Cal (interference) 17:08.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Bouwmeester Cal (cross-checking) 5:10, Florida bench (too many men; served by McArdle) 8:08, McCabe Fla (interference) 15:49.
Third Period
3. Florida, Matthias 1 (Olesz, Booth) 9:57
Penalties — Booth Fla (hooking) 1:21, Stillman Fla (tripping) 16:51.
Shots on goal by

Florida	9	4	5	18
Calgary	6	4	17	27

Goal — Florida: Vokoun (W,1-2-0); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,1-2-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Florida: 0-3; Calgary: 0-4.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Ovechkin, Wash	4	3	7
Hossa, Chi	3	3	6
Roy, Buf	4	1	5
MacArthur, Tor	4	1	5
D.Sedin, Vcr	3	2	5
Stamkos, TB	3	2	5
Bertuzzi, Det	1	4	5
Carlson, Wash	1	4	5
Comeau, NYI	3	1	4
Dubinsky, NYR	3	1	4
Franzen, Det	3	1	4

Not including last night's games

Rocco Mediate	29-35—64
Ryuji Imada	32-33—65
Bo Van Pelt	33-32—65
Paul Goydos	30-35—65
John Mallinger	32-34—66
Michael Letzig	32-34—66
Will MacKenzie	34-32—66
Shaun Micheel	33-33—66
Tom Pernice, Jr.	32-35—67
Chris Riley	33-34—67
Chris DiMarco	34-33—67
Tim Herron	31-36—67
Henrik Stenson	32-35—67
David Duval	31-37—68
Robert Garrigus	33-35—68
Todd Hamilton	35-33—68
Tim Clark	33-35—68
Derek Lamely	35-33—68
Chad Campbell	35-33—68
Brett Quigley	34-34—68
Tom Lehman	33-35—68
Graham DeLaet	**35-33—68**
Jamie Lovemark	34-34—68
Rickie Fowler	32-37—69
Justin Leonard	33-36—69
Jeev Milkha Singh	35-34—69
George McNeill	33-36—69
Josh Teater	35-34—69
Alex Prugh	35-34—69
Dean Wilson	35-34—69
Woody Austin	34-35—69
Steve Wheatcroft	32-37—69
Chris Stroud	36-34—70
Alex Cejka	34-36—70
Tim Petrovic	34-36—70
J.B. Holmes	35-35—70
Jerry Kelly	38-32—70
Also	
Stephen Ames	**38-35—73**

MLB

2010 POST-SEASON

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(BEST-OF-7)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Texas (W) vs. N.Y. Yankees (WC)
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 21-7) at Texas (Wilson 15-8), 8:07 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 18-8) at Texas (Lewis 12-13), 4:07 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 18
Texas (Lee 12-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 11-3), 8:07 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Texas (Hunter 13-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Burnett 10-15), 8:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
x-Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 4:07 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
x-N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
x-N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:07 p.m.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia (E) vs. San Francisco (W)
Tomorrow's game
San Francisco (Lincecum 16-10) at Philadelphia (Halladay 21-10), 7:57 p.m.
Sunday's game
San Francisco (Cain 13-11) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 8:19 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Philadelphia (Hamels 12-11) at San Francisco (Cain 13-11), 4:19 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 7:57 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
x-Philadelphia at San Francisco, 7:57 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
x-San Francisco at Philadelphia, 3:57 or 7:57 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 24
x-San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.
x — if necessary.

GOLF

PGA FRYSCOM OPEN

At San Martin, Calif.
Par 72
Partial First Round
(**Note:** play suspended due to darkness with three players left on course)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C Jarrod Saltalamacchia on a one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
HOUSTON ASTROS—Sent C Brian Esposito, INF Anderson Hernandez and INF Wladimir Sutil outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Detroit WR Nate Burleson $15,000 for two rule violations, for kicking the football into the stands and displaying an unauthorized shirt with a personal message written on it in an Oct. 10 game against St. Louis.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed OT Jermey Parnell off the New Orleans practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed LB Vinny Ciurciu. Waived-injured LB Spencer Havner.

CFL

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Claimed K Justin Medlock off waivers from Toronto.

BASKETBALL

NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Toronto Joey Dorsey one game for swinging his arm at the head of the Chicago Brian Scalabrine in an Oct. 12 game.
DENVER NUGGETS—Named Pete D'Alessandro advisor to the executive vice president of basketball operations.

HOCKEY

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Reassigned D Brett Festerling to Syracuse (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled D Matt Corrente, C Tim Sestito and C Jacob Josefson from Albany (AHL). Placed F Brian Rolston on long-term injured reserve.

LACROSSE

NLL

COLORADO MAMMOTH—Signed D Ken Clausen, D Jon Rae, D Ben Davies, D Matt Davenport and MF Jarett Park.

NBA

PRE-SEASON

Last night's results
Orlando 86 Charlotte 73
Milwaukee 96 Washington 88
Utah 108 Phoenix 97
Denver at L.A. Clippers
At Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cleveland 106 San Antonio 80
Wednesday's results
Toronto 119 Philadelphia 116 (2OT)
Boston 104 New York 101
Indiana 98 Minnesota 86
New Orleans 90 Miami 76
At Beijing
Houston 91 New Jersey 81
At Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dallas 101 Detroit 96
At Las Vegas, Nev.
L.A. Lakers 98 Sacramento 95
Tonight's games
New Orleans at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit vs. Minnesota (at Syracuse, N.Y.), 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.

GAMES

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

At New Delhi
MEDAL STANDINGS
(After 272 medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Total
Australia	74	55	48	177
India	38	27	36	101
England	37	59	46	142
Canada	**26**	**17**	**32**	**75**
South Africa	12	11	10	33
Kenya	12	11	9	32
Malaysia	12	10	14	36
Singapore	11	11	9	31
Nigeria	11	10	14	35
Scotland	9	10	7	26
New Zealand	6	22	8	36
Cyprus	4	3	4	11
N. Ireland	3	3	4	10
Samoa	3	0	1	4
Wales	2	7	10	19
Jamaica	2	4	1	7
Pakistan	2	1	2	5
Uganda	2	0	0	2
Bahamas	1	1	3	5
Sri Lanka	1	1	1	3
Nauru	1	1	0	2
Botswana	1	0	3	4
Cayman Islands	1	0	0	1
St. Vincent	1	0	0	1
Trinidad	0	4	2	6
Cameroon	0	2	4	6
Ghana	0	1	3	4
Namibia	0	1	2	3
PNG	0	1	0	1
Seychelles	0	1	0	1
Isle of Man	0	0	2	2
Mauritius	0	0	2	2
Tonga	0	0	2	2
Bangladesh	0	0	1	1
Guyana	0	0	1	1
St. Lucia	0	0	1	1

WHAT CANADA DID YESTERDAY

FIELD HOCKEY
Men: Canada defeated Malaysia 3-2 on a golden goal to finish seventh.
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS
Mariam Chamilova, Maple, Ont., placed fourth in ribbon, fifth in ball, sixth in hoop, seventh in rope.
Alexandra Martincek, Toronto, finished eighth in ball.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-New York	28	14	8	6	35	27	48
x-Columbus	28	13	8	7	35	31	46
Kansas City	28	10	12	6	32	33	36
Chicago	28	8	12	8	33	37	32
Toronto FC	28	8	13	7	28	37	31
New England	28	8	15	5	31	48	29
Philadelphia	28	7	14	7	32	45	28
D.C. United	28	6	19	3	19	44	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Los Angeles	28	17	6	5	41	22	56
x-Real Salt Lake	28	14	4	10	41	18	52
x-FC Dallas	28	12	2	14	41	24	50
x-Seattle	28	13	9	6	36	32	45
x-San Jose	27	12	8	7	30	28	43
Colorado	28	11	8	9	39	29	42
Chivas USA	27	8	15	4	29	36	28
Houston	28	7	15	6	37	48	27

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
x — clinched playoff berth.
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Chivas USA at Seattle, 11 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Columbus at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at Chicago, 4 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Kansas City at New England, 8 p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NFL

WEEK 6

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	.800	135	81
New England	3	1	0	.750	131	96
Miami	2	2	0	.500	66	92
Buffalo	0	5	0	.000	87	161
SOUTH						
Houston	3	2	0	.600	118	136
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	107	137
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	132	95
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	136	101
NORTH						
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	92	72
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	86	50
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	100	102
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	78	97
WEST						
Kansas City	3	1	0	.750	77	57
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	111	134
Denver	2	3	0	.400	104	116
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	140	106

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	2	0	.600	89	92
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	106	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	122	103
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	81	87
SOUTH						
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	113	70
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	74	80
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	99	102
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	52	110
NORTH						
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	92	74
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	119	89
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	63	67
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	126	112
WEST						
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	88	138
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	75	77
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	83	96
San Francisco	0	5	0	.000	76	130

Byes: Arizona, Buffalo, Carolina, Cincinnati
Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 16

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Montreal	14	10	4	0	455	356	20
Hamilton	14	7	7	0	366	366	14
Toronto	14	7	7	0	283	363	14
Winnipeg	14	4	10	0	392	385	8
WEST DIVISION							
x-Calgary	14	10	4	0	471	341	20
x-Saskatchewan	14	9	5	0	399	369	18
B.C.	14	5	9	0	356	366	10
Edmonton	14	4	10	0	273	449	8

x — clinched playoff berth.
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Hamilton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Edmonton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

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WHY THE GAMES CAME TO INDIA

The XIX Commonwealth Games in New Delhi were in a hot, crowded place and they got off to an extremely slow start.

The athletes' village, which was supposed to be the jewel, wasn't ready and its unsanitary conditions threatened to keep many of the 6,000 athletes from 71 countries and territories home in the safety of Europe, Australia or Canada.

But the athletes showed up en masse in spite of Delhi's deficiencies. Everyone crossed their fingers, rolled up their sleeves and got down to the business of competing at one of the world's historic multi-sport gatherings.

Somehow, it all worked out.

The momentum that developed was striking. Athletes took over with their performances and diverted attention from what was lacking in the host city to what was present in the spirit of international sport.

By the middle of these Commonwealth Games, once tickets got into the hands of the public, the magnificent stadiums filled up.

There was also a vibrant atmosphere that flourished because the Indian athletes excelled once given the chance to compete on home soil and before adoring crowds.

In wrestling, world champion Sushil Kumar delivered overwhelming Commonwealth gold.

The people were literally hanging from the balcony trying to get a look at him.

The noise from 60,000 fans at Nehru Stadium was deafening as they urged on the surprise winners of the women's 4x400-metre relay.

It was inspiring to hear the Indians belt out their national anthem in unison.

"There's a lot more to this than winning medals," said Diane Cummins, the Canadian who won the 800-metre bronze.

"I guarantee you that most of the spectators here haven't been to an international meet of this calibre. If it's not for us, it's for the people. It takes a competition like this in a country like this for our sport to grow. That's why I'm here."

Those sentiments were echoed by Sebastian Coe, the chairman of the London 2012 organizing committee.

Coe is a former Commonwealth and Olympic champion himself and one of the world's most respected figures in sport.

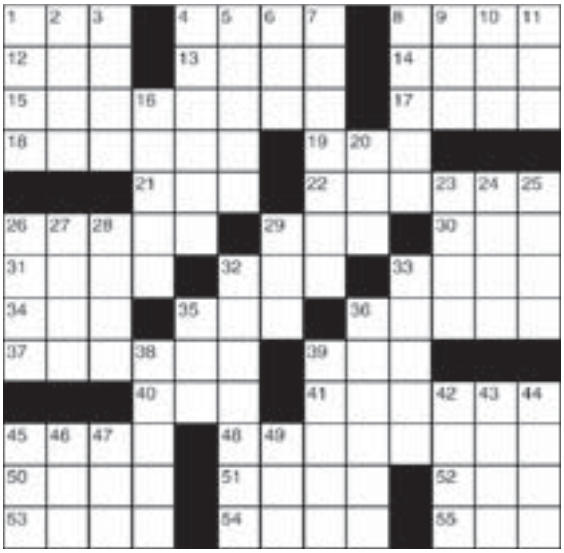
"If we want the benefits that sport creates then we need to build a global capacity for sport," Coe figured.

"That means you occasionally have to take it out of your own backyard to more challenging places. Is it worth it? Yes it is. Smart people think their way through it."

In the end that's what the athletes did. They embarked on New Delhi with open minds and the willingness to make the best of it.

That's why the Games came to India.

Crossword



Across

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4 Cattle-drive item
8 Wharf
12 UN workers' agcy.
13 Hayseed
14 Incite
15 Airship
17 Part of the loop
18 Fly
19 Hostel
21 Neither mate
22 High point
26 Bowling Hall-of-Famer Pete
29 Dawn droplets
30 Witness
31 Jack and Jill's course
32 Stocking woe
33 Lost intentionally
34 401(k) alternative
35 X rating?
36 Consecrate
37 Serengeti equines
39 Architect I.M.
40 Midafternoon, maybe
41 Yule quaff
45 Suspended
48 Now-or-never time
50 Sandwich treat
51 Ms. Brockovich
52 — Lanka
53 Kin of 8-Across
54 Cowgirl Evans
55 Kreskin's claim

Down

1 Joel's "Cabaret" co-star
2 Ht.
3 Pith helmet
4 Old Roman magistrate
5 Monarch
6 Sapporo sash
7 Dweller
8 "Zorba the Greek" star
9 Ode inspirer
10 In olden days
11 Longing
16 Do the den walls
20 Fresh
23 Gilligan's home
24 Golf bag gadgets
25 Chops
26 Expert
27 Green acres?
28 Spill the beans
29 Press for payment
32 Fixed a ring, perhaps
33 "Bounty" captain
35 Skater Babilonia
36 "Scat!"
38 Severity
39 Danger
42 Durante trademark
43 Cather's "One of —"
44 Clench
45 Short trip
46 Spoon-bender Geller
47 Born
49 Historic time

▶ Yesterday's answer

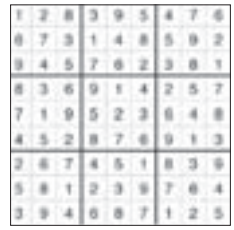
Sudoku

			5	1		2	9	4
				8			7	3
		7				5		
8			4				6	
		9				7		
	3				1			8
		3				1		
9	2			6				
5	8	6		2	3			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶



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ALEKS

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Being the go-getting Aries you are you may be tempted to make a hurried decision, but deep down you know it needs to be dealt with slowly and deliberately.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You have been working extremely hard these past few weeks and have reached the point where if you push yourself much further it could damage your health.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You are in the mood to take a few risks and, yes, they may well pay off. Risk is one thing, foolhardiness quite another.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Someone is making unfair demands of you and seems to believe that you will do as they say because you are timid and scared of creating a scene.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You cannot expect other people to be reasonable today but you must be reasonable yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Go on the attack today. Let the world know that you will never allow yourself to be pushed around. With Mercury, your ruler, linked to ego planet Mars you'll find just the right words to make your point forcefully.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Both in your personal life and professionally you want only the best and will do whatever it takes to get it. That's great, but make sure the goals you are aiming for are your goals, not goals you have inherited from other people.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 . The simple fact is you can't do it all, so identify your number one goal and go after it with everything you've got.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Try not to let slip information that rivals, competitors and enemies (yes, you have a few) can use against you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It may be hard to walk away from a situation where you feel hard done by today but that is exactly what you must do. Leave it behind.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Take care not to overreact to what someone says about you today. You won't make things better by sparking off a war of words. Pretend it means nothing to you. Your indifference will hurt them more than your anger.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It may annoy you that someone just doesn't get what you are trying to tell them but what can you do? The simple fact is they lack your sensitivity, and that's a reason to pity them rather than to condemn them.
SALLY BROMPTON

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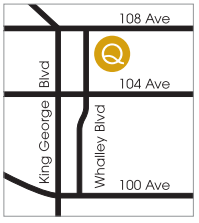

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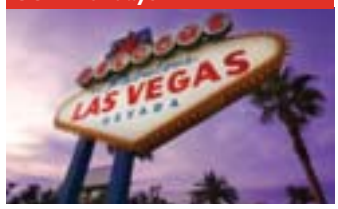

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